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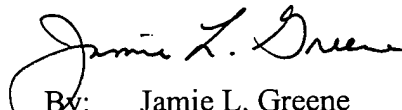
II. Claim 13, 14, and 28, drawn to a nucleotide sequence, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1; and

III. Claim 17-26, drawn to a method of inhibiting angiogenesis, classified in class 424, subclass 9.1.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-12, 15, 16, and 27, for prosecution on the merits. The election is made with traverse. If the Restriction Requirement is maintained, in accordance with M.P.E.P. §821.04, Applicants understand that upon a finding of allowable subject matter for Claims 1-12, 15, 16, and 27, Claims 17-26 will be rejoined and examined fully on the merits.

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 5, 2001, and early and favorable consideration of the claims is requested. If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, or there are any other issues which can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (404) 949-2400 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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